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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Following consultations among the members of the Security Council, the President of the Council made the following statement, on behalf of the Council, at its 3497th meeting, on 31 January 1995, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Burundi":

"The Security Council, which has been following closely developments in Burundi, has learned with concern that the situation in the country has deteriorated considerably over the last few days.

"In this context, the Security Council deeply deplores the pronouncements made by the leadership of one political party which calls for the withdrawal of the Prime Minister and the overthrow of his Government by all means available.

"The Security Council denounces such attempts to threaten by way of intimidation the coalition Government which was established in line with the Convention of Government of 10 September 1994. It further condemns the extremist groups that continue to undermine the national reconciliation process.

"The Security Council calls upon all parties and others concerned, in particular the national security forces, to refrain from committing acts of violence and to give support to the Government institutions established in line with the above-mentioned Convention.

"The Security Council requests the Secretary-General to continue to keep it fully informed of developments in Burundi. The Council will remain actively seized of the matter."

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